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1. HERewith ARE MY SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR COM
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STANCES IN EAST ASIA POST-VIET-NAM WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE
ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF VIET-NAM WITH RESPECTS TO A) SECURITY
SITUATION IN THE REGION, B) LONGER TERM PROSPECTS FOR
POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND C) ROLE OF
THE US AND OTHER FORCES IN THE REGION IN LIGHT OF THE FORE-
GOING.

2. DRAFT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

POST-VIETNAM EAST ASIA

I. ESTIMATE OF COMMUNIST INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES IN
EAST ASIA.

A. PRC, NORTH KOREA, AND USSR VS. JAPAN, ROK,
TAIWAN.

B) PRC AND USSR VS. SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES
(INCLUDING INDO-CHINA).

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C) NORTH VIET-NAM VS. REST OF INDO-CHINA AND
NON-COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

II. SECURITY SITUATIONS IN NON-COMMUNIST EAST ASIAN
COUNTRIES WHERE A SECURITY PROBLEM EXISTS (ROK, THAILAND,
MALAYSIA, BURMA). TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THESE COUNTRIES
CAPABLE OF STAYING ON TOP OF THEIR SECURITY PROBLEMS?

III. ABILITY OF EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE THEIR
PEOPLE WITH ADEQUATE POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH.

IV. ROLE, ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL, OF REGIONAL COOPERATION
(ESPECIALLY ASEAN) AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN HELPING
NON-COMMUNIST SEA COUNTRIES RESPOND TO POLITICAL, ECONOMIC,
AND MILITARY NEEDS.

V. PARTICULAR ROLE OF THE U.S. IN RELATION TO IV, ABOVE.

VI. ABILITY OF THE U.S. TO SUSTAIN SUCH A ROLE

A) IN TERMS OF POPULAR AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT.

B) IN TERMS OF RETENTION OF SUFFICIENT MILITARY
BASE FACILITIES IN ROK, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES,
AND THAILAND, PLUS SUPPORT FACILITIES ELSE-
WHERE (SINGAPORE AND AUSTRALIA).

VIII. POSSIBLE CORRELLATION OF U.S. POLICIES AND
ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER IMPORTANT FORCES IN EAST ASIA

A) JAPAN

B) PRC

C) AUSTRALIA AND NZ

D) ASEAN

VIII. SUMMATION AND OUTLOOK.
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